



## **ECPA/BPC 2007**

**Please answer the following questions in English.**

1. Is this your country's ECPA entry or is it an additional project? (Only one ECPA entry per country plus up to two other projects.)

This is the national ECPA entry of Cyprus.

2. What is the title of the project?

Cyprus Police Campaign Against Domestic Violence.

3. Please give a short general description of the project.

A series of approximately 20 police actions, most of which are at a national level, to prevent and combat domestic violence through awareness and sensitization of the public and of professionals, as well as through training of professionals. The project began in November 2006 and it will end in May 2008.

4. Please describe the objective(s) of the project?

1. To inform and sensitize the public on the issue, the dynamics and the consequences of domestic violence, on the legal and procedural aspects of dealing with it, and on the relevant Agencies, with an emphasis on Policing matters.
2. To further sensitize police officers through print material, and to further train them through specialized training on the issue.
3. To further inform and sensitize partner professionals of other Agencies (Governmental or Non) involved with the issue on the role of the Police.
4. To ease and increase public and especially victim access to relevant authorities, and especially to the Police.
5. To facilitate and increase understanding and cooperation between the Police and victims.
6. To further improve Police professional conduct and response to Domestic Violence incidents.

7. To increase number of domestic violence incidents reported to the Police.
8. To increase the number of domestic violence criminal cases investigated by the Police, as well as their percentage compared to the number of incidents.
9. To establish (through the foreseen research activities) areas of police practice in need of revision.
10. To contribute to other existing and co-running National and/or International plans of action as well as to other campaigns against domestic violence.

5. How was the project implemented?

The project was designed and implemented by the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office of Department C´ (C.I.D.) of Police Headquarters. Some parts of the project are still under implementation. To be fully completed by May 2008.

All publication materials were conceived by the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office. Photography and design were provided by the Photographic and Graphic Lab of Criminalistic Services of Police Headquarters.

Funding was partly secured by a grant of the National Machinery for the Rights of Women (Ministry of Justice and Public Order). The remaining budget was covered by police funds.

6. Were partners involved in planning and/or development and/or implementation of the project? If so, who were they, and what were their roles?

The Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office of Department C´ (C.I.D.) of Police Headquarters worked with the following partners:

1. National Machinery for the Rights of Women (Ministry of Justice and Public Order): Funded part of the campaign.
2. Photographic and Graphic Lab of Criminalistic Services of Police Headquarters: Provided all original photography needed for posters as well as their design.
3. Association for the Prevention and Combating of Domestic Violence (NGO): Arranged for the repeated contribution (lectures) of Police representatives to their trainings for volunteers and professionals of their Crisis Centre, and provided their own trainer to contribute to Police training programs.
4. Press and Public Relations Office of Department A´ of Police Headquarters: Funded part of publications and promotional materials for the campaign. Arranged for media coverage whenever needed or intended.
5. Cyprus Police Academy: Cooperated with the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office to design, organize and implement all police trainings foreseen.
6. Press and Information Office of the Republic: Provided the Turkish translation of the informational booklet for victims, free of charge.
7. Review of Cyprus and European Law Journal: Published a research

article of Kostas Veis, the officer in charge of the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office, entitled "Violence + Family = Crime<sup>2</sup>: Quantitative Analysis of Domestic Violence in Cyprus" (issue 3, pp. 437-467).

8. Pedagogical Institute – Ministry of Education and Culture: Invited police representatives to lecture on police role and procedures in handling incidents of domestic violence during series of seminars attended by kindergarten, elementary and high school teachers.
9. Paparouna Art School (private institute): Offered paintings made by their artists (teachers and students) free of charge to be used in the 2008 calendar.

7. How did you build in plans to measure the performance of the project?

Due to the nature of the project (campaign for the most part), its performance on most actions is easily measurable in terms of outcome and or material produced.

The attainment of some of the project's objectives is not easily measurable (e.g. level of sensitization). However, the overall and ultimate objectives (to increase the number of incidents reported to and criminal cases investigated by the police) are being monitored. The numbers concerning 2007 will be available shortly after the end of 2007 and they will be compared with the respective indexes of previous years to assess whether there will be any significant changes.

8. Has the project been evaluated? How, and by whom?

The project is being continuously monitored by the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office. Due to its nature, some of its tasks (with a financial requirement) are also monitored by the respective audit and accounting office of the funding Agency. Final evaluation will be conducted upon completion in May 2008.

9. What were the results? How far were the objectives of the project achieved?

An analysis of all the actions foreseen in the project together with information as to whether they have been realized or not and when, is provided in Appendix A', which shows that most actions have been done, while the remaining are in process and due in time as scheduled.

As mentioned previously, some of the objectives are of a subjective nature and as such it was taken into consideration that they would not be assessed. The ultimate objectives with a numerical nature are being monitored and the level of achievement will be assessed shortly after the end of 2007. The Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office is in possession of data on incidents reported to the Police in the first nine months of 2007. However,

due to certain internal police procedures in relation to the small respective maximum number reached in recent years, it is the standard policy of the Office to approach all relevant to the issue statistical indexes on an annual basis.

10. Are there reports or documents available on the project? In print or on the Web? Please, give references to the most relevant ones.

An analysis of all the actions envisioned in the project together with their time frames is provided in Appendix A'. Several reports on the projects have at various times been prepared for internal police purposes. In addition, reports have been forwarded to the Ministry of Justice and Public Order and to the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family. All reports have been prepared in Greek. Reference to the project in English is expected to be made available in the website of the Advisory Committee at [www.familyviolence.gov.cy](http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy)

**Please, write here a one page description of the project:**

The project consists of a series of police actions against domestic violence. Most, but not all, actions are of an awareness and sensitization campaign nature. Some actions involve related to the issue research and publications. The project begun in November 2006 and it will end in May 2008. The project has been designed to run in parallel with the Council of Europe respective Campaign to Stop Domestic Violence Against Women, and it is the contribution of Cyprus Police to the National Campaign of Cyprus.

The project was initiated, designed and it is being implemented by the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office of Police Headquarters. Several actions have been or will be realized in partnership with other police or non Agencies both of the Governmental and Non Governmental Sector. Funding was provided by the Police and by the National Machinery for the Rights of Women (Ministry of Justice and Public Order).

At the national level this is the first time that such a lengthy, innovative, holistic, multi-agency, comprehensive, and partly with measurable outcomes action plan is being realized not only concerning the police, but generally.

So far, the actions of the project have been very well received by Authorities, professionals, the media, and the public.

Some of the innovative elements of the project are listed below:

1. Built in quantitative evaluation mechanisms.
2. Multi-Agency partnerships
3. Cross-Training
4. Targeted at prevention directly through reaching the general public and non police professionals, while simultaneously providing for better policing.
5. Parallel consideration not only to inform the public (victims) in order to increase reporting and criminal investigating of incidents, but also to scientifically study the reasons behind victim reluctance and/or retraction.
6. Targeted at two different levels: professionals and public at large.
7. All awareness campaign materials have been conceived and produced by police personnel and resources. Outside agencies have been commissioned only for final production.
8. Multi-lingual approach: Part of awareness material has been published in Greek, English and Turkish.
9. Utilization of informal non police and non authority awareness channels: Victim information booklets have been made available to the public not only at police stations and Department of Welfare premises, but also at selected maternity clinics and hairdressing salons. Additional funding will be sought in 2008 to supply all maternity clinics, gynaecologists' offices and hairdressing salons with such material.

The Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Office of Police Headquarters anticipates that on the basis of the final evaluation of this project and on the results of the studies envisioned in it, a new continuation project will be designed and implemented in early 2008 to be realized between May 2008 and December 2009.

**Appendix A´**

**Police Campaign Against Domestic Violence (November 2006 – May 2008)**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Note</b>
1.	Public Awareness campaigns through mass media. Presentations by Police Representatives on radio and television talk shows, news bulletins and forwarding of articles through the media in cooperation with other organisations.	Extensive coverage in Nov 07, periodic coverage since then
2.	Republication of three-sided brochure entitled: “Domestic Violence: Violence amongst Spouses and Partners: Useful information for Victims” in 10,000 copies	Action depending on existing stock and needs. Foreseen for early 2008
3.	Translation of three-sided brochure entitled: “Domestic Violence: Violence amongst Spouses and Partners: Useful information for Victims” into English and Turkish and printing of 5,000 copies in each language	Done, May 2007 See Appendix B´
4.	Inclusion of the text of brochure entitled: “Domestic Violence: Violence amongst Spouses and Partners: Useful information for Victims.” in the Citizen Rights Charter of the Police both in print as well as electronically in Greek and English. The Charter may be accessed at <a href="http://www.police.gov.cy">www.police.gov.cy</a>	Done, March 2007
5.	Supply of all Police Stations, all regional Criminal Investigation Departments, and all regional Department of Welfare premises with the aforementioned brochures in all three languages in order to be widely accessible to the public as well as supplying posters to be displayed to increase public awareness.	Done, June 2007
6.	Supply of selected maternity clinics and hairdressing salons with brochures/booklets in order to be widely accessible to the public.	Done, Sept. 2007

7.	Printing of 2 giant Domestic Violence posters (210x120cm) to be displayed in various functions and events.	Done May 2007 See Appendix C´
8.	Printing of 4 Domestic Violence posters (69x47cm) to be displayed in various functions and events. The 2 posters (those of the giant size) reproduced at large numbers, and the remaining two at smaller numbers.	Done May 2007 See Appendix C´
9.	Production of promotional gifts in order to be utilised during Police events	Done, May 2007 See Appendix D´
10.	Revision of Police Manual on Domestic Violence and printing of 200 copies to be distributed to police officers undergoing specialised training on matters involving Domestic Violence and during campaigns.	Done, March 2007 See Appendix E´
11.	Supply of all Police Stations and regional Criminal Investigation Departments with the aforementioned Manual in order to be widely and readily available to Police personnel.	Done, May 2007
12.	Publication of research paper completed by K. Veis comprising of a quantitative analysis of Domestic Violence in Cyprus. Source: "Violence + Family = Crime <sup>2</sup> ": Quantitative analysis of domestic violence in Cyprus. Review of Cyprus and European Law, Issue 3, pp. 437-467, Dikeonomia-Nomikes Ekdotis.	Done, February 2007
13.	Completion and publication of study on the process and final outcome of Domestic Violence incidents reported to the Police during 2005, incorporating a parallel evaluation of various relevant thematic parameters, including the study of victim reluctance and retraction. Preliminary report presented during the CEPOL (European Police College) seminar (67/2007) on the use of police science and research within police training and education (Nicosia-Cyprus 17-19/10/07). Research protocol published in Veis, Kostas M. (2006). Police Domestic Violence Training Programs: Evaluation of the Practical Effectiveness. In Fehérváry J., Hanak G, Hofinger V., and Stummvoll G. (Eds.), Theory and Practice of Police Research in Europe: Presentations and	In process. First draft of Phase 1 done in Oct. 2007. Final draft of Phase 1 due in Feb. 2008

	Contributions from CEPOL Police Research and Science Conferences 2003-2005. Bramshill UK: CEPOL-European Police College, CEPOL Series No.1, pp. 137-153.	
14.	Organization of three specialized training seminars (of 5 working days length) for Police Officers who are stationed at Police Stations and regional Criminal Investigation Departments.	Partly done One pending in Feb. 2008
15.	Organization of two specialized training seminars (of 5 working days length), for members of the Police, on the technique of interviewing vulnerable witnesses through video-recording technology.	First scheduled for week Dec 3-7 2007 Second scheduled in April 2008
16.	Presentation of four lectures to 90 Educational personnel in cooperation with the Pedagogical Institute (Ministry of Education and Culture).	Done
17.	Presentation of three lectures attended by 75 volunteers of the Association for Prevention and Handling of Domestic Violence (NGO).	Done. Additional lectures scheduled nation wide. Done in Paphos and Limassol, in process for remaining Districts
18.	Presentations to organised groups, parent associations, etc.	Several done already. Ongoing process.
19.	Participation in the Police Centre during the Cyprus National State Fair with a booth on Domestic Violence.	Done, May 2007
20.	Completion of the CEPOL Ad hoc working group of 5 experts on Domestic Violence, in which the Cyprus Police participates, for the preparation of common police training curriculum on domestic violence	Done, August 2007



<b>21.</b>	Completion and publication of study on homicide/manslaughter (domestic or non) against women.	Due, April 2008
<b>22.</b>	Printing of 2008 wall calendar with messages and images related to Domestic Violence. (1000 colour copies, 14 pages long, 25x35cm).	In process, Due in Dec 2007
<b>23.</b>	Organisation of official event during campaign held at a selected Police Station.	Under consideration

**Note:**


1. Actions Number 3, 5-7, 9-10, and 22 have been approved for full or partial funding by the National Machinery for the Rights of Women, Ministry of Justice and Public Order.




  
**ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ**  
Βία στην Οικογένεια:  
Βία Μεταξύ Συζύγων ή Συμβίων  
Χρήσιμες Πληροφορίες για Θύματα




**Υπάρχει Βοήθεια!**

  
**CYPRUS POLICE**  
Violence Between Spouses or  
Cohabiting Couples  
Useful Information for Victims



**You can get Help!**

<b>Stop domestic violence against women</b>	 <small>ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΕΝΩΣΗ</small>	<b>Σταματήστε την ενδοοικογενειακή βία γέννηα στις γυναίκες.</b>
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### **Basic text contained in the above brochures (in English)**

The Constitution and Laws of the Republic of Cyprus ensure the right of every citizen to life and corporal integrity, freedom of speech and expression, equal treatment and respect. The Prevention of Violence in the Family and Protection of Victims Law 119(I)/2000, as amended by Law 212(I)/2004, prohibits the use of violence among members of the same family and especially between husband and wife who are legally married persons residing together.

According to the Law, violence among members of the same family is prohibited, and constitutes a serious criminal offence for which increased penalties are imposed which are stricter than the same violence among persons that are not relatives.

Acts of violence committed by one spouse against the other in the presence of minor members of the family are considered by the law as a double offence because the said minor may undergo mental injury.

### **The role of the Police:**

- Protect citizens from any type of violence and prosecute offenders.
- Investigate each incident which is reported, take measures against the person who commits the act of violence, as long there are sufficient elements and witnesses to that effect.
- Protect victims using the special measures provided for by the respective legislation.
- Provide information to interested persons regarding the procedures to be followed by the Police in such cases, as far as the implementation of the respective legislation is concerned.
- Provide information on other Services offering assistance and support to victims of domestic violence.
- Inform and invite officials from other competent Services to interfere when required and cooperate with them to handle incidents in the best possible way.

### **Useful information for victims**

- For your protection in case of an emergency try to memorize or write down somewhere handy the telephone number of the nearest Police Station or the Emergency Intervention Unit or the Citizens' Line (112 or 199 or 1460).
- In case you are the victim of violence it is imperative that you contact the Police as quickly as possible, so that your protection is ensured and the investigation by the police is facilitated. It is possible to contact the Police at a later stage, but in such case the investigation will be complicated.

### **Intervention by the Police**

When the Police arrive or when you go to the Police, tell them what has happened and what you are afraid of. Make sure that you will mention any previous incidents of violence at your expense. The Police Officers depend on the peculiarities of each case,

they will discuss with you and with your spouse separately, they will collect testimony and evidence and probably they will take photographs.

In cases of domestic violence, the marital residence is supposed to be abandoned by the person who practices violence and not the victim. If, however, for security reasons there is no other choice than to abandon temporarily the marital residence, if they have been asked for, Police Officers can help you to leave from your residence with secure, and provide safe accommodation by placing you at a victims' shelter or to stay in another secure place, bringing you at the same time in contact with other competent officials.

Police Officers may also, under certain circumstances, proceed with the arrest of the perpetrator or in cooperation with the Social Welfare Services and with your consent apply for issuing a court order that would inhibit your spouse to abandon temporarily the marital residence for a few days, regardless who is the owner of the residence. The Police officer who will take charge of your case, will make a reference of your visit in a concise note including your oral reports in a special paragraph in the Events' Station Diary. This is **NOT** equivalent to a written complaint which presupposes a written and signed statement of the incidents made by you.

The Police will ask you to give a written statement of the incidents in order to enable them to proceed with the further criminal investigation of the complaint and other police actions.

It is important to be aware that in case you do not submit a written and signed complaint against your spouse, the Police, apart from exceptional cases where other testimony is existed, will not be able to proceed with the further investigation of your allegation and/or will not be in a position to present before the Court or to prosecute, the perpetrator. Even if this happens, it is extremely difficult for a court to find guilty your spouse in the absence of your testimony.

In case you give a written statement against the person who has abused you, this does not automatically mean that he/she will be sentenced by the Court. If the person who has abused you is your spouse, you have the right not to testify against him/her.

The Prevention of Violence in the Family and Protection of Victims Law provides that your statement must be taken by a Police officer of the same sex, unless you request differently.

The Police officer is obliged to inform about your written complaint and/or your oral report the Chief of Police, the District Welfare Office and the Attorney General of the Republic.

### **Medical Care**

It is important to visit a Governmental Hospital not only to take care of your injuries, but also to obtain testimony by a Governmental Doctor. If you have not already done so before the intervention of the Police, the Police Officer will give you a special form, which must be completed by the doctor and returned to the Police. Even if at that point of time you do not intend to testify against your spouse, it is important that you undergo the aforementioned medical examination and return the respective form to the Police, in order to be easier the documentation of your allegation.

### **Family counseling**

Police Officers are not competent to provide family counseling and/or psychological support in order to resolve problems and difficulties in your family relations. Family Counsels and Social Welfare Services are responsible to give advice, guidance and mediation for ameliorating problems in the family. Similar, relative services can also be offered by officials from other Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations..

Whoever wish to contact with the Office, he/she can contact with the telephone no. **22-808442** or **fax to 22-808277**. He/she can also communicate with the following Services:

Association for the Prevention and Combating of Domestic Violence: **1440**

Central Social Welfare Services Offices, Nicosia: **22-406655, 22-406652**

Nicosia District Social Welfare Office: **22-804608, 22-804624, 22-804651, 22-804650**

Limassol District Social Welfare Office: **25-804460, 25-804485, 25-804515,**

	<b>25-804509, 25-804498</b>
Larnaca District Social Welfare Office:	<b>24-800160, 24-800163, 24-800114</b>
Paphos District Social Welfare Office:	<b>26-821614, 26821619, 26-821615</b>
Famagusta District Social Welfare Office:	<b>23-811733, 23-811720</b>
Eurychou District Social Welfare Office:	<b>22-870592, 22-870582</b>

John is not excited when visiting his parents any more...



In Cyprus:  
 20% των φόνων διαπραττόνται μεταξύ μελών της ίδιας οικογένειας.  
 90% των διασυζυγικών φόνων διαπραττόνται από άντρες εις βάρος γυναικών

At the beginning it was domestic violence. Now it's murder. Dramatic end to a family history, which seems to had been an ugly situation for a long time. The husband killed his wife...



When the parents are violent, the kids get the idea (draw it)!



**ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ**



**Η πρόληψη της βίας στην οικογένεια είναι ευθύνη όλων μας!**



Γραφείο Χειρισμού Θεμάτων Πρόληψης / Καταπολέμησης της Βίας στην Οικογένεια και Κακοποίησης Ανηλίκων  
Τμήμα Γ - Αρχηγείο Αστυνομίας  
Τηλ. 22-808442, Φαξ, 22-808277

The prevention of domestic violence is the responsibility of all!

**ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ**

**Κοινωνική μίστιγα η οικογενειακή βία**  
Αυξάνονται και πληθύνονται τα περιστατικά

**Καταγγελία για παρενόχληση 10χρονου**  
Το αγόρι είναι σε κίνδυνο να υποστεί ψυχολογικά τραύματα

**Αιμορραγώντας κατάγγειλε τους γονείς του**  
10χρονο κοριτσάκι καταγγέλλει τους γονείς της

**Η βία στην οικογένεια**  
Πολλά είναι τα περιστατικά βίας στην οικογένεια

**Ρουτίνα η βία στην οικογένεια**  
Αποφασιστική η αντιμετώπιση της βίας στην οικογένεια

**Παιδιά-θύματα βασανιστών γονιών**  
Πολλά είναι τα περιστατικά βίας στην οικογένεια

**Η βία σε πρώτη ζήτηση στην κυπριακή οικογένεια**  
Και οι άντρες δολοφονούν γυναίκα

**Θύματα τα παιδιά θυτές οι γονείς**  
Αλλάζουν θέματα θυμάτων και φροντιστών

**Εξάλλος πατέρας μαχαίρωσε το τριχρονο κοριτσάκι του**  
Μετά το πέρας στο νοσοκομείο




Γραφείο Χειρισμού Θεμάτων Πρόληψης / Καταπολέμησης της Βίας στην Οικογένεια και Κακοποίησης Ανηλίκων  
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Domestic violence hurts (collection of paper clips on related cases)



Pocket Note Book



Coffee mug



Compact hair brush & mirror



Children's drawing pencils



Promotional pens



Police information booth on domestic violence during Cyprus State Fair (May 2007)





Police Manual on Domestic Violence

### Contents of the Manual

2. Introduction
3. Circulars (three) of the Chief of Police on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse (in full text).
4. Law 119(I)/2000 on Domestic Violence as amended by Law 212(I)/2004 (in full text).
5. Cyprus Police Academy student notes on domestic violence.
6. List of all related to policing domestic violence matters official documents with a summary of their content.
7. List of useful telephone numbers of all involved Agencies (Governmental and NGOs).
8. Student Guide on Domestic Violence (authored by K. Veis).
9. Research article on the time of reporting incidents of domestic violence to police and the consequences (authored by K. Veis).
10. Research article on the quantitative aspects of domestic violence in Cyprus (authored by K. Veis).
11. Appendix I: All related to the issue police forms
  - a. Incident report (statistical)
  - b. Final report (statistical)
  - c. Model of letter to inform the Attorney General on domestic violence incidents (Type A')
  - d. Model of letter to inform the Attorney General on domestic violence incidents (Type B')
  - e. Incident report (statistical) on child abuse (by non family member)
12. Appendix II: Computer disc with all forms contained in Appendix I